

H. R. 246.

JANUARY 22, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A BILL

To provide for reports of Decisions of the Supreme Court.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the reporter who shall, from time to time, be appointed by
4 the Supreme Court of the United States, to report its deci-
5 sions, shall be entitled to receive, from the Treasury of the
6 United States, as an annual compensation for his services, the
7 sum of one thousand dollars: *Provided, nevertheless, The*
8 said compensation shall not be paid unless the said reporter
9 shall print and publish, or cause to be printed and published,
10 the decisions of said Court, made during the time he shall act
11 as such reporter, within nine months after such decisions
12 shall be made; and shall deliver eighty copies of the decisions,
13 so printed and published, to the Secretary of State, without
14 any expense to the United States; which copies shall be dis-
15 tributed as follows, to wit: to the President of the United

16 States, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the
17 District Courts, the Attorney General of the United States,
18 the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, the Comp-
19 trollers of the Treasury, and the Judges of the several Terri-
20 tories of the United States, one copy each; five copies for the
21 use of each House of Congress; and the residue of the co-
22 pies shall be deposited in the Library of Congress.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the
2 death, resignation, or dismissal from office, of either of the
3 officers before mentioned, the said copies of the decisions,
4 delivered to them as aforesaid, shall belong to, and be deliver-
5 ed over to, their successors in said offices.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be,
2 and continue, in force for three years, and no longer.